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Graduation Requirements and Diplomas

The Board will establish graduation requirements for the awarding of a regular high school diploma which meets or exceed state standards. The Lincoln County School Board will issue a standard diploma to all students who complete the district and the state prescribed courses and pass all required tests for graduation (see policy IKG). The courses must be taught by teachers in regular classrooms, not a resource room. This does not preclude a special education student from having the resource teacher assist him/her with the regular classroom assignments in the resource room.

The Lincoln County School Board will issue an adjusted diploma to all special students who complete the district and state prescribed courses for graduation. These courses may be adjusted as to content and method of presentation. All adjusted diploma requirements will be approved by an individualized education program committee.

The Lincoln County School Board will issue a certificate of attendance to all regular students who do not complete the prescribed tests. These students must meet all of the district's minimum graduation requirements but fail one or more parts of the Nevada High School Proficiency Exams.

END OF POLICY

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Credit Requirements for Graduation

I. Standard Diploma

In 2013, Nevada changed its graduation requirements. Students must still complete their required course work, take tests required by the state, and earn 22.5 credits in certain subjects. Twenty three (23) credits are required by Lincoln County School District. The class of 2016 must pass the Nevada High School Proficiency Exams (HSPEs). The HSPEs will be replaced beginning with the class of 2017. As required by state law (NRS 389.805) four End of Course (EOC) examinations are taking the place of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examinations. Each EOC exam measures how well a student understands the subject areas tested. Students take the EOCs at the conclusion of the course, regardless of when that course is taking during a student's school career. EOCs were given for the first time in the spring semester of 2015. For the 2015-2016 school year, End of Course exams will be administered in the following subjects:

- Math I Emphasis on Algebra I
- Math II Emphasis on Geometry
- Integrated Mathematics 1
- Integrated Mathematics 2
- English language arts I with a focus on reading comprehension
- English language arts II with a focus on writing

During the time of transition, the classes of 2017 and 2018 will need to take the EOC's and no passing scores are required. The Class of 2019 will be the first class of students required to receive a passing score on the EOCs to graduate. The EOC exams are given in May. Each School determines its own testing schedule.

Additionally, beginning with the Class of 2016, all students must take a college and career readiness assessment in Grade 11. The state decided on the ACT exam.

Twenty-three credits in the following subjects are needed to meet graduation requirements for a Standard Diploma on a period class schedule:

| STANDARD DIPLOMA – 15 Core, 8 Elective | |
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| Required/Elective Areas of Study | Units |
| English | 4 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Science | 2 |
| * Physical Education | 2 |
| U.S. History | 1 |
| U.S. Government | 1 |
| ** Arts/Humanities or CTE Course | 1 |
| Health | 1/2 |
| *** Use of Computers | 1/2 |
| Electives | 8 |
| TOTAL | 23 |

- * Participation in and completion of a J.V./Varsity sports season, cheerleading season, and/or drill team season allows a student to waive one quarter (1/4) P.E. credit. Maximum of one full P.E. credit can be waived.

Examples:

A student complete a volleyball season, cheerleading (volleyball season), basketball season, and cheerleading (basketball season) to waive a total of one credit. Or....

A student could play J.V. Basketball their Freshmen year, Drill Team season (Volleyball) and Drill Team season (Basketball) their Sophomore year, and Varsity Softball their Junior year and waive one full credit total.

- ** All Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses or what is commonly known as vocational courses can be used as a Humanities credit.
- *** Satisfactory completion of a semester computer literacy course offered in grades 6, 7, or 8 will meet the requirement for the use of computers.

II. Advanced Diploma

Twenty-four credits in the following subjects are needed to meet graduation requirements for an Advanced Diploma on a period class schedule.

| ADVANCED DIPLOMA – 18 Core, 6 Elective | |
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| Required/Elective Areas of Study | Units |
| English | 4 |
| * Mathematics | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| ** Physical Education | 2 |
| U.S. History | 1 |
| U.S. Government | 1 |
| Social Science | 1 |
| *** Arts/Humanities or CTE Course | 1 |
| Health | 1/2 |
| **** Use of Computers | 1/2 |
| Electives | 6 |
| TOTAL | 24 |

- * Mathematics courses must include Geometry and Algebra II.
- ** Participation in and completion of a J.V./Varsity sports season, cheerleading season, and/or drill team season allows a student to waive one quarter P.E. credit. Maximum of one full P.E. credit can be waived. Examples mentioned above for Standard Diploma apply.
- *** All Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses or what is commonly known as vocational courses can be used as a Humanities credit.
- **** Satisfactory completion of a semester computer literacy course offered in grades 6, 7, or 8 will meet the requirement for the use of computers.

III. Block Schedule Credits for either a Standard or Advanced Diploma.

A block schedule is a system for scheduling the middle- or high-school day, typically by replacing a more traditional schedule of six or seven 40–50 minute daily periods with longer class periods that meet fewer times each day and week.

The following chart will guide the determination of how many credits a student needs to graduate depending on which school year a student begins a block schedule of classes. Students who earn credit on a block schedule of classes will be subject to the following total credit requirements to earn a diploma.

| Block Sched Grad Requirements | | Combined Block & Regular | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| School Year Designation | Block Schedule Credits | Regular Schedule Credits | Combined Credit Total for Graduation |
| Freshmen – 9 | 8 | 6 | 30 |
| Sophomore – 10 | 8 | 6 | 28 |
| Junior – 11 | 8 | 6 | 26 |
| Senior – 12 | 6 | 6 | 24 |
| Total | 30 | 24 | |

All subject area credit requirements remain the same as prescribed in NRS 389.018 and listed in the above charts.

- For a Standard Diploma: 15 required subjects with 19 electives
- For an Advanced Diploma: 18 required subjects with 16 electives
- Intervention subjects or remediation subjects are elective credits
- Double Block Schedule Core Subjects: 1 credit is core, 1 credit is elective

IV. Alternative Program Full-time Enrollment

For students enrolled in a full-time alternative program, 22.5 credits are required for graduation to receive a Standard Diploma.

V. Adult High School Diploma (See NAC 389.688)

For students enrolled in an adult program, 20.5 credits are required for graduation.

| Adult Diploma Credit Requirements for Graduation 13 Core, 7.5 Electives | |
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| Required Course | Minimum Number of Credits |
| American Government | 1 |
| American History | 1 |
| Arts and Humanities, or career and technical education (CTE) | 1 |
| English | 4 |
| Health Education | ½ |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Science | 2 |
| Use of Computers | ½ |
| Electives | 7.5 |
| Total: | 20.5 |